

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Status of the Claims.

Claims 1-5, 13, 18, 19, 21-46, 53-55 and 58-60 are pending with entry of this amendment, while claims 6-12, 14-17, 20, 47-52, 56-57 and 61-240 are cancelled. This amendment is made without prejudice and is not to be construed as abandonment of any previously claimed subject matter.

A preliminary amendment dated September 26, 2003, canceling certain claims was filed with the application. Although the "Status of the Claims" section of the September 26, 2003 amendment correctly indicated which claims were to be cancelled, due to typographical errors, some claims in the "Listing of Claims" in that amendment were incorrectly numbered. Thus, for example, in the previous preliminary amendment claim 13 was mislabeled as claim 7, claims 14-17 were mislabeled as claims 8-17, claim 18 was mislabeled as claim 9, claim 19 was mislabeled as claim 10, etc.

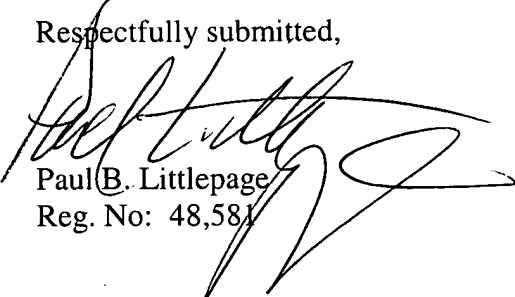
Furthermore, although the dependency relationship between the claims in the previous amendment was correct, because of the incorrectly numbered claims, the actual dependency numbers were incorrect and are changed herein to correspond with the now correct claim numbers.

The present amendment solely corrects typographical errors. Applicants believe that the present numbering of the claims in the "Listing of Claims" is correct and consistent with that in the application as filed. No new matter is added by the current amendment and Applicants respectfully request its entry.

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